

this Currency, which we have already appropriated to the service of the State of Maryland for this sum we have given our obligations with Mr Rich<sup>d</sup> Penning's Receipt of this Island as security payable two days after demand with Interest of ten per cent. We have therefore to request as Capt Pote shall propose in this respect for Philadelphia you'll endeavour to take up said obligations which otherwise we may find difficult to discharge here when demanded. The terms with him rely on you to make but think you had better give Currency for Currency in specie together with Interest accruing, than suffer a demand of the money here, should you take up the above mentioned obligations, which will be rendering the State of Maryland a singular service please to advise us thereof by first opportunity

We are with Esteem

Messrs Trilling & Morris  
 per Sloops } Merchants  
 Peter, Capt. May. } Philadelphia

Gentlemen, your most obedient Servts  
 Van Bibber & Harrison.

St Eustatic 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 1776.

Gentlemen,

The foregoing is what we have wrote Messrs Trilling & Morris relative to the obligations given Capt Samuel Pote for a sum of money which we had imminent occasion for, but fearing they will not exert themselves in that Business unless they have orders from you, therefore must entreat you on receipt of this to write to our Messrs to take up said obligations, that we are incapacitated to discharge, should it be demanded here, we being so largely in advance of the Publick already. We flatter ourselves as we have strained every nerve to serve the State on every occasion, you will pay particular attention to our request. Time will not permit us to enlarge therefore conclude

With the highest Esteem

Duplicate for Capt. Howell, Original via Philad<sup>a</sup>

To

The Honorable the Council of Safety  
 State of Maryland

Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servts

St Eustatic 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen,

We think it highly necessary to advise you of our draft bearing date 8<sup>th</sup> Instant, on Messrs Trilling & Morris for £450 Pennsylvanian Currency (for the emolument of the State of Maryland) in favor of Capt. Samuel Skinner, we have given them suitable information relative to said Bill and hope it will be duly honoured. We are with the greatest esteem,

To

The Honorable

The Council of Safety for the  
 State of Maryland

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Humble Servts  
 Van Bibber & Harrison.